



Port Hueneme

Biography

United States Navy

Jim Vallas

Deputy Division Technical Director

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Mr. Jim Vallas, a native of Kansas, began his career at General Dynamics/Pomona where he was first exposed to Navy missile systems, gaining valuable knowledge and experience working as a Senior Missile Systems Engineer on the Navy's STANDARD Missile project.

In 1971, he joined Port Hueneme Division, Naval Surface Warfare Center as a STANDARD Missile engineer and subsequently held a variety of key technical and management leadership positions across Port Hueneme Division. These significant leadership roles held across four Port Hueneme Division departments' include Manager of the AEGIS Weapon Direction System Branch; Manager of the Weapons Evaluation Division of the Combat Systems Test and Analysis Department; Deputy Manager, Missile Systems Department; and Department Manager, Missile Systems. He became Deputy Division Technical Director in July 2007, bringing with him an extensive background of engineering experience and expertise in Navy surface warfare missile and weapon/ combat systems.

In May of 1997, he was assigned as the Director of Engineering for the Port Hueneme Division, where he had broad and complex technical and managerial responsibilities across multiple sites for In-Service Engineering and Test and Evaluation for surface ship combat systems and related equipment. Responsibilities included the management of eight engineering departments, comprised of over 1400 technical personnel, with full spectrum life cycle engineering assignments ranging from equipment level to combat systems, to entire battle group warfare systems. He initiated Port Hueneme Division efforts for development and implementation of future fleet support concepts for Combat Systems In-Service Engineering and Test and Evaluation, as well as increasing productivity through process re-engineering and cross Warfare Center teaming.

In October of 2003, Mr. Vallas was assigned as the Technical Operations Manager, reporting directly to the Commanding Officer. In this position, he was responsible for leadership and management of the command's technical workforce and was ultimately responsible for the adequacy of the command's products and services. He provided collaboration and coordination with Warfare Center Executives, Product Area Directors and other Technical Operations Managers.

Mr. Vallas is the recipient of two Navy Superior Civilian Service Awards and the Navy Meritorious Civilian Award for being an innovator in helping guide the command from its inception as the in-service engineering agent for ship-launched surface missile systems, to its expansion into combat system engineering and then into battle force engineering.

He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering at Kansas State University. He is a graduate of the Andersen Graduate School of Management at the University of California at Los Angeles, having completed the Executive Program. He also completed the UCLA Engineering Management Series. He is DAWIA Level III certified.

